GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
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LIGHT AND SOUND SHOW
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is considering to introduce light and sound programmes at the important tourist places in Gujarat in association with the State Government;

(b) if so,the details thereof;and

(c) if not,the time by which the Government intend to formulate such plans?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT.AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c):The development and promotion of places of tourist interest including mounting of Sound and Light shows in the country is primarily undertaken by the State Governments themselves.However,Ministry of Tourism provides funds on the basis of projects prioritized in consultation with the State Governments under various schemes.

On the basis of project proposals received from the State Government of Gujarat, Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the following projects for mounting of Sound and Light Shows in the State of Gujarat:

Sr.No.	Name of the project sanctioned	Amount (Rs.in lakh)
1.	Sound and Light show at Somnath Temple, Junagadh in 1998-99	93.77
2.	SEL at Sabarmati Ashram as part of Gandhi circuit (sanctioned in 2003-04,revised sanction in 2008-09).	180.00